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**RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.111**

Sir:

Applicants hereby submit this Response to First Office Action in response to the Office Action that was mailed on December 11, 2001, as well as the accompanying petition for extension of time, a check for \$920.00, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, a marked-up copy of each of the amended claims.

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AMENDEMNT

Please amend claims 1, 3, 34 and 35 as follows:

1. (Amended) A micronized pigment comprising a pigmentary base that has been treated with the products resulting from the reaction of organic alcohols and either  $P_2O_5$  or phosphoric acid.

3. (Amended) A micronized pigment comprising a pigmentary base that has been treated with an organo-acid phosphate compound having the formula:



wherein  $x = 1$  or  $2$ ;  
 $y = 3 - x$ ; and  
R is an organic group having from 2 to 22 carbon atoms.

34. (Amended) A method for preparing a pigment, comprising combining a pigmentary base and an organo-acid phosphate compound, wherein the organo-acid phosphate compound comprises the reaction products of organic alcohols, and either  $P_2O_5$  or phosphoric acid and micronizing said pigmentary base that has been combined with said organo-acid phosphate compound.